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WE HAVE NOTED REPORTS IN TAIPEI PRESS (INCLUDING UPI STORY IN FEB 7 CHINA POST) OF REMARKS BY GENERAL LAI MING-TANG AT INFORMAL PRESS CONFERENCE FEB 6 IN WHICH HE SAID IN RESPONSE TO REPORTER'S QUESTION THAT ROC WOULD NOT CONSIDER DEVELOPING NUCLEAR WEAPONS. WE WONDER IF REPORTER WHO PUT QUESTION TO LAI HAD NOT BEEN DELIBERATELY INSPIRED. WE ALSO FIND INTERESTING THAT UPI ACCOUNT QUOTES "RELIABLE SOURCES" TO EFFECT THAT ROC HAS SUFFICIENT RESOURCES AND CAPABILITY TO PRODUCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY BACKGROUND AND COMMENT EMBASSY COULD PROVIDE. INGERSOLL

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